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### LOUISVILLE, JUNE 21.

#### Democratic State Convention Called By the Executive Committee.

County Conventions Ordered For  
Saturday, June 17, at the  
Court Houses.

The Democratic State Committees met in Lexington at noon Wednesday and in a brief joint session of the State and Central Committees, Ollie M. James, of Crittenden, a Stone man, was elected to succeed Senator Goebel as member from the State at large. The election was by acclamation.

The joint session then adjourned for dinner and at 2:30 p. m. the Executive Committee met with all of the members present in person or by proxy except W. A. Young, of the Ninth district.

There were no important differences of opinion and after a short interchange of views a call was agreed upon as published below. So far as could be learned the action was generally satisfactory to the candidates. There was some talk of precinct meetings, but as this plan has never been followed in electing delegates to conventions to nominate State tickets, the usual simpler method of county mass conventions was adopted without much opposition. The chair then appointed Messrs. Trimble, Meacham and Dishman to prepare the call and a recess was taken for thirty minutes. The sub-committee reported the following call, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

#### The Official Call.

At a meeting held by the Democratic State Executive Committee in the city of Lexington on March 8, 1899, it was ordered that a State Convention be held in the city of Louisville on Wednesday, June 21, 1899, for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for State offices, to be voted for on November 7, 1899. Said convention shall be called to order at 11 o'clock a. m.

Delegates to said State Convention shall be chosen at county mass conventions, to be held at the various county courthouses in counties having but one legislative district, of which due notice shall be given by the various county chairmen. In counties having more than one legislative district there shall be a convention for each legislative district, to be held at some convenient point, to be indicated by the chairman of the Legislative District Committee, who shall advertise in the local papers the location for said convention at least ten days prior to the date fixed by this committee. Said county and legislative district conventions shall be held at 3 o'clock p. m. standard time, on June 17, 1899. Said conventions shall be called to order by the chairmen of the respective county or legislative district committees.

The basis of representation of each county to the said State Convention shall be one delegate for each 200 votes, and fraction consisting of 100 or more votes cast for the head of the Democratic electoral ticket at the Presidential election in 1896; provided that each county shall have at least one delegate vote.

All known Democrats and others who supported W. J. Bryan for President, and those who pledge themselves to support the nominees of said convention, shall be entitled to participate in the county and legislative district conventions.

P. P. JOHNSON, Chairman.

OWEN COCHRAN, Secretary.

#### Resolution As To Convention.

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee in reference to arrangements for the convention:

"That Mr. John W. Vreeland, the resident member of the Executive Committee from Louisville, be des-

all the details and make preparations for the holding of the State convention. It being understood that a guarantee fund has been subscribed, and will be collected by him to defray the expenses of the convention without cost to this committee."

The Committee then adjourned.

#### BERRY-MASON.

#### A Washington Young Man Eloped With a South Christian Belle.

Mr. Claude Nathaniel Berry, of Washington, D. C., a young railroad man connected with the Southern road, and Miss Sarah Mason, daughter of Mr. M. A. Mason, of The Square, eloped from this city to Clarksville Wednesday evening and were married that night upon their arrival there. They returned here yesterday morning.

Mr. Berry is a young son of a prominent railroad man. He arrived here Monday and the outcome of his visit was the elopement as above stated.

The bride is the accomplished and vivacious daughter of one of Christian county's largest landowners and most prominent citizens. She is still in her teens, but during the few seasons she has been in society has been a reigning belle, not only in this county, but in other cities where she has visited.

The young couple were met at the train yesterday morning by a large delegation of their friends and the fair bride as she alighted was pelted with a shower of rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry will probably remain in the city a day or two until parental forgiveness can be obtained. It is not thought it will be difficult to convince the parents of the bride that the young people knew their own hearts best.

#### HARRIS-CHILDS.

#### Kentucky and Tennessee Young People Joined in Wedlock.

Mr. Thomas Harris, son of Dr. J. R. Harris, of this city, and Miss Ora Childs, of St. Bethlehem Tenn., were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride, Rev. L. W. Smith, of Franklin, performed the ceremony.

The groom has for some time been connected with a Guthrie dry goods house in the capacity of salesman, and is a very popular young business man, while his bride is a pretty and accomplished lady, with a host of friends. The couple arrived in this city last night on a visit to the groom's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will make their future home near St. Bethlehem, where Mr. Harris will engage in farming.

#### LIGHTNING'S CAPER.

#### Tobacco Barn Struck, But the Flames Quenched By Rain.

During the rain storm of last Friday night lightning struck the tobacco barn of Messrs. Long & Brasher, near Casky. Several planks were knocked from the roof of the building and the comb was set on fire, but the flames were soon extinguished by the heavy down-pour of rain. The barn was filled with tobacco and the owners had a narrow escape from heavy loss.

#### WHEAT DAMAGED.

#### In Counties Where There Was a Light Snowfall.

Commissioner of Agriculture Moore has received reports from several sections on the result of the freeze on the wheat crop. He says that in the eastern section of the state the wheat was protected by six inches of snow, and was not materially injured. In other sections the snowfall was light, and with the water in the ground the crop has been considerably damaged.

#### Colored Country Couple.

Jake Wallace and Mariah Narsinger, a colored couple from the country, were married by Judge Cansler in the County Clerk's office

### DEMOCRATIC HOSTS

#### Are in Town To-day to Attend the Railroad Convention.

Will Be Called to Order at 2 p. m.

In the Circuit Court  
Room.

The Democratic District Convention to nominate a Railroad Commissioner in this the First District, will meet at 2 p. m., to-day, at the Court House. The convention will be called to order by Hon. J. D. Mocquot, of Paducah, chairman of the district committee.

The district embraces 13 counties of the First district, 8 of the Second, 10 of the Third, 7 of the Fourth and Metcalfe county in the Eleventh district. The 39 counties have 420 votes, distributed as follows, using the Bryan vote as a basis of representation:

#### VOTE BY COUNTIES.

Allen	7
Ballard	6
Barren	15
Breckenridge	11
Butler	9
Caldwell	8
Calloway	13
Carlisle	8
Christian	16
Crittenden	8
Daviess	25
Edmonson	4
Fulton	7
Graves	23
Grayson	10
Hancock	5
Hardin	14
Hart	10
Henderson	20
Hickman	10
Hopkins	17
Larue	7
Livingston	7
Logan	16
Lyon	5
Marshall	10
McCracken	15
McLean	7
Meade	8
Metcalfe	5
Monroe	4
Muhlenberg	8
Ohio	13
Simpson	8
Todd	9
Trigg	8
Union	16
Warren	19
Webster	12
Total	420.

The nomination of Judge J. P. Dempsey, of Hopkins county, is a foregone conclusion. He has an instructed majority of the delegate votes and will probably be nominated without the formality of a roll call. Mr. Harry Tandy, of McCracken, and Mr. Webb C. Bell, of Christian, may be given some complimentary votes if there is a call of counties, but neither is a candidate in the sense of making an effort to secure the nomination.

With the nomination of the candidate settled in advance, the convention will partake more of the nature of a Democratic love feast, with a general round-up of the candidates for the state offices, nearly all of whom will be on hand.

In order to give these gentlemen an opportunity to meet and mingle with the dear people—and the Penyrile people are the best on earth—there will be no effort to railroad matters through the convention. The convention will organize after the arrival of the 1:50 p. m. train and probably appoint committees to report at a night session, and give the afternoon up to the candidates to address the convention.

It is not expected that anything will be proposed in the platform to create discord in the party. An endorsement of the Chicago platform and the good work done by the last legislature is about all that will likely be touched upon. Resolutions of this conservative character would of course be satisfactory

with no opposition from the friends of any candidate.

The candidates for State offices will be on hand. Among those now here or due to arrive on the morning trains are the following:

For Governor—P. Wat Hardin, William Goebel and W. J. Stone.

For Lieutenant-Governor—W. P. Thorne, J. E. Kelly and M. D. Brown.

For Auditor—Gus Coulter and Jno. P. Chenault.

Attorney-General—W. B. Fleming, Jas. Andrew Scott and John Shropshire Smith.

Secretary of State—Green R. Keller, J. Breck Hill.

Treasurer—R. C. Ford, Gus Richardson, Jess T. Gosnell, S. W. Hager.

Supt. of Public Instruction—H. V. McChesney, M. A. Cassidy.

Commissioner of Agriculture—Dr. Frazee.

The delegates began to arrive on the afternoon trains yesterday afternoon in large numbers. The I. C. train brought in about 30 and the L. & N. train from Henderson brought a big crowd from the river counties.

At night the First and Third district delegates and prominent visitors from Louisville and other points came in and the rest of the delegates will arrive on to-day's trains.

Capt. Stone has headquarters on the first floor of Hotel Latham and Senator Goebel is in room 210 on the parlor floor. Mr. Coulter is at the Phoenix and his opponent, Mr. Chenault, at the Latham. Most of the other candidates are at the latter hotel.

The organization of the convention had not been given much consideration last night, as the great body of the delegates did not arrive until late in the night.

It is probable that by general consent a Stone man will be agreed upon for temporary chairman and that the committees will consist of one member from each of four districts and two or three members from the district at large on each committee with a fair representation to each of the gubernatorial candidates.

#### CAN BE RAISED.

#### Thinks Capt. Ryman, Owner of the Boat Buttrif.

Capt. Thos. Ryman, owner of the Buttrif, sunk at Clarksville, has made a minute examination of the vessel and thinks that she can be raised and that it will probably not cost more than \$1,500 to accomplish the work. No attempt will be made to float the vessel until the water recedes, however. There is talk of lawsuits growing out of the disaster. Several thousand dollars' worth of goods were lost and the owners may try to hold the owner of the steamboat responsible on the plea that the accident could have been avoided.

#### CIRCUIT COURT.

#### Commonwealth Cases to be Called To-day The Wadlington Case.

Civil matters have occupied the attention of the court this week and no cases of great importance have been disposed of.

The case of Joseph McRoy, charged with seduction, was continued to the June term.

The cases of Roy Bowles, indicted for robbery, Charles Thomas, murder, and Griffin Ross, aiding prisoner to escape, are set for trial to-day.

The Wadlington murder case is set for next Monday.

#### FIERSON-SMYTHE.

#### Young Lady Well Known Here Weds in Nashville.

Miss Adelia Smythe, sister of Mrs. J. B. Galbreath, of this city, and Mr. Walter B. Fierson, of Fiererson, Tenn., were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smythe, in Nashville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Shumock, of Mississippi. Mrs. Galbreath attended the wed-